IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF CONFIRMATION NO. 2197

WICHERT, ET AL. EXAMINER: NOT YET ASSIGNED

APPLICATION NO: 10/573,723 FILING DATE: TO BE ASSIGNED

FOR: PROCESS FOR PURIFYING MESOTRIONE

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING REQUIREMENTS

Sir:

The Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated December 21, 2006, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on February 21, 2007.

In response, applicant now submits an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Applicant also submits herewith payment of fees in the amount of \$130 as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 50-1676 in the name of Syngenta Crop Protection, Inc.

Respectfully submitted,

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